4TH SENATE DISTRICT

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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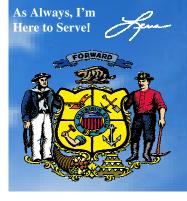
#### **COMMUNITY ALERT**

### Blood Center of Milwaukee Blood Drive

Every time you donate blood, lives are saved! Be part of the this blood drive on Saturday, September 29 at the YMCA Milwaukee Northside—1350 West North Avenue, from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

#### Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.



### We Pray for Peace in the Middle East

This past week, the Middle East has seen terrible outbreaks of violence and protest against an online YouTube video that insults the Prophet Mohammed. It is unfortunate and tragic that American lives, including Ambassador Christopher Stevens, have been lost. It is unfortunate that some Americans have used the violence to insult Mus-



lims and the Middle East's ability to effectively self-govern. I believe these attacks were done by a minority of extremists. They do not represent attitudes of the majority in countries like Egypt or Libya. President Obama has worked hard on maintaining our strength in the region. He has also worked to improve our relationship with the Muslim world. I pray for peace and safety for all our leaders and service men and women abroad.

### Congressional Hearing on Temple Attack



I was proud to see members of the local Sikh community testify before Congress. They have bravely responded to the horrible and uncalledfor attack on their Oak Creek temple. I was especially proud to read that college freshman Mr. Saini expressed hope and the desire to move forward constructively. Despair isn't the answer, hope is the answer. I am hopeful that

these national hearings will provoke discussions around Milwaukee about discrimination and the continuing threat of hate crimes against certain communities. When we are talking, we are winning the battle against hate.

#### Voting Rights Event

On Tuesday 25, MATC and the Black Student Union will host an event on the importance of voting. "Your Vote Counts" will help educate you in the best way to get to the polls. Speakers will help clear up the confusion surrounding Voter ID. There will be help understanding felon's voting



rights. This November will be an greatly important election to change the course of history and the City of Milwaukee. See you there, at 11 am.



## Foreclosure Outreach Event

Take Root Milwaukee will be hosting a FREE outreach event for borrowers facing foreclosure. You will have the opportunity to talk to a housing counselor. If your lender is one of those participating, you will be able to talk and exchange information to resolve your situation.

Thurs, Sept. 27 1-7 PM 2601 W. Howard Av. http://bit.ly/NAz2uO

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### High Holy Days



Our Jewish brothers and sisters are currently celebrating the High Holy Days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah is the day of Judgment, when God opens the Book of Life to determine who will live and die. The ten days are known as the days of repentance. After this, the Jewish people observe Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement.

Observant Jews will fast on Yom Kippur and ask God to forgive them for their sins. This is an incredibly important time in the Jewish faith. We all benefit when we learn about and respect each another's faith lives.

### Senator Taylor Supports Women's Rights

I was recently recognized for my strong commitment to women's reproductive health by Family Planning Health Services, Inc. At the Annual FPHS Community Recognition Awards Luncheon, I received an award for "Public Service Support of Reproductive Rights". It was a thrill to be recognized by a group who does so much



important work supporting the health of women in North-Central Wisconsin, ensuring access to quality reproductive and health care. In recent years, I have been shocked by the nationwide attacks on women's control over their own health decisions. I will do everything possible to ensure that the clock is not turned back on fifty years of progress.

#### Contact Us! We Always Enjoy Hearing From You!

"By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

-Benjamin Franklin



"Your present circumstances don't determine where you can go."

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